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RE: Huckleberry Landscape Restoration Project DEIS

Dear Ronda,

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) staff reviewed the Huckleberry Landscape Restoration Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The Payette Forest is considering a variety of management activities including timber harvest and prescribed burning in Huckleberry area near Bear, Idaho. The project would also make recreation improvements by maintaining trails and improving the Huckleberry Campground.

The IDPR supports the recreation improvements for the project. The design features in the project are adequate to protect system trails. We did find something in the DEIS that needs further clarification.

On Page 355 under Winter Recreation, the DEIS states that IDPR does not do grooming in the project area. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation does not do snowmobile trail grooming. Typically Counties do grooming. IDPR serves as the financial agent for the pass through of registration fees to the counties. The counties use these registration fee revenues to groom snowmobile trails. In Adams County, most trails are groomed by Valley County with either McCall grooming program or the Cascade grooming program.

We would have made these comments online, but the online comment form for the Huckleberry DEIS is not up yet. If you have any questions about our comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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